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SUBJ: ADB ANNUAL MEETING

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1. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, EMBASSY CONTACTED RAMON V. NAVARATNAM, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DIVISION, MINISTER OF FINANCE. NAVARATNAM STATED THAT GOM WOULD BE PLEASED TO LEARN U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTAL IS PLANNING TO LEAD U.S. DELEGATION. HE STRONGLY URGED THAT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH ASEAN FINANCE MINISTERS AS SOME UNHAPPINESS AROSE OVER U.S. ATTEMPTS TO MEET WITH THEM AS A GROUP AT IMF MEETING IN MANILA. HE IS CHECKING FURTHER TO SEE WHAT SPECIFIC ISSUES GOM MINISTER OF FINANCE, TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, MIGHT WISH TO RAISE WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND WILL INFORM US LATER. WITHOUT CHECKING, HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN TENGKU RAZALEIGH WOULD LIKE TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF IBRD AND IMF STAFF SALARIES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BENEFITS WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL.

2. THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF GOM DELEGATES TO THE ADB MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS: MINISTER OF FINANCE - TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH (HE WILL ONLY ATTEND FOR 1 OR 2 DAYS BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS IN PARIS AND MEXICO); SENATOR RAFIDAH AZIZ, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (WHO WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION AFTER TENGKU RAZALEIGH'S DEPARTURE);

TAN SRI ISMAIL BIN MOHAMED, GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK;
RAMAN NAVARATNAM DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DIVISION, MINISTERY OF
FINANCE.
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